Wastage due to lack of storage facility in Uttaranchal

1956. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts have been made by his Ministry to reduce the wastage due to non-availability of storage facility in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under its plan schemes provides financial assistance for overall development of food processing industries, including for specialized cold storages with controlled Atmosphere/ Modified Atmosphere facility and for cold storages for non-horticulture produce. The aim of the schemes, amongst others, includes reduction in wastages of perishable produce. The projects are considered for assistance, based on complete and viable proposals received from various implementing agencies. The Ministry does not set up projects on its own.

Health clubs in CBSE Schools

†1957. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to open health clubs in CBSE schools; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the proposed schools alongwith the criteria for eligibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), has issued a circular to the schools affiliated with CBSE to set up health clubs in the schools to organize health related activities and to act as a Resource Centre for the overall well-being of the students. The main objectives of the Health Club are as under:—

(i) To create Health Card for each student.

(ii) To publish a Health Newspaper.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(iii) To conduct surveys on health related concerns.

(iv) To organize 'health-walks' as part of social campaigns.

(v) To organize 'health fairs' and immunization projects.

(vi) To create 'health help line' within the school to cope with emotional distress, social behaviour and to clarify misconceptions regarding sexual and reproductive health.

(vii) To teach students techniques of yoga and meditation from their early age, and

(viii) To inculcate into the minds of the students about the healthy and positive ways of living.

It further stresses that all students will be eligible to participate in the Health Clubs. All schools affiliated to CBSE are expected to set up such health clubs.

Food poisoning due to mid-day meals

1958. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of food poisoning after consuming mid-day meals that have been reported to Government, since the commencement of the scheme, State-wise; and

(b) the details of criminal prosecutions and other inquiries instituted, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Mid-Day Meal Scheme, revised in September, 2004, cooked mid-day meal are being served to children studying at Primary stage. As per information furnished by States, instances of food poisoning taken place are as follows:—

Sl. No.	State	No. of children affected in the Year	
		2004-05	2005-06
1.	Andhra Pradesh	315	46
2.	Karnataka	324	310
3.	Maharashtra	131	77
4.	Rajasthan	NIL	71
5.	West Bengal	60	85